

THE RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM

PROGRAM FACT SHEETS: JANUARY 2013

DIVISION OF POLICY AND DATA

The Division of Policy and Data (DPD) is located in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB). DPD serves as HAB's focal point for program data collection and evaluation, coordination of program performance activities, development of policy guidance, coordination of technical assistance activities, and development of analyses and reports to support HIV/AIDS decision making. DPD advises HAB's Associate Administrator and collaborates with its division directors to develop policy proposals to support HAB's mission. The division also coordinates and develops efforts with other HHS components and all HRSA bureaus and offices, including the HRSA Office of Planning, Analysis, and Evaluation, in the preparation of HIV/AIDS-related program policies.

The three branches within DPD have distinct roles that support HAB programs:

- ❖ The Policy Development Branch develops and coordinates program policies and supports HAB policy development and implementation.
- ❖ The Data Management Branch directs all Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program data collection and analysis activities.
- ❖ The Program Analysis and Technical Assistance Branch conducts analyses and health services research to evaluate delivery of service and inform public health policy, and coordinates delivery of technical assistance across HAB for all Ryan White grantees.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

The Policy Development Branch participates in the development and coordination of program policies and implementation plans, including the development, clearance, and dissemination of regulations, guidelines, and operating procedures. It

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also provides Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program policy interpretation and guidance to HHS, HRSA, HAB, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program grantees, and other government and private organizations and institutions. Branch staff develop and coordinate activities pertaining to policy and generate position papers to ensure the fullest possible consideration of programmatic requirements that meet HHS and HRSA goals, policies, and procedures and Federal statutes. Its work includes the following activities:

- ❖ Monitoring and analyzing HIV/AIDS-related policy development, both within and outside HHS, for potential impact on the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, and development of recommendations for HAB's response
- ❖ Serving as HAB's liaison to HRSA's Office of Planning, Analysis, and Evaluation and other appropriate offices to respond to and prepare HIV/AIDS-related program policies



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- Coordinating HAB responses to all Government Accountability Office (GAO) and Office of Inspector General (OIG) studies
- Serving as HAB's liaison for all legislative matters and activities, including testimony and related information
- Responding to and commenting on HIV/AIDS-related reports, position papers, guidance documents, correspondence, and related issues, including Freedom of Information Act requests.

DATA MANAGEMENT BRANCH

The Data Management Branch collects, compiles, cross tabulates, and disseminates full and complete statistics internally and externally on the condition and progress of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. Branch staff determine the methodology by which the Bureau and program grantees may accurately measure public health indicators supporting the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and assist Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program grantees in improving and automating statistical and data collection activities. Its work includes the following activities:

- Providing guidance to grantees in the development of longitudinal data systems and related data collection/data quality issues
- Compiling data from Minority AIDS Initiative grants and preparing required reports
- Calculating the formula awards for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Parts A, B, and F Minority AIDS Initiative grants
- Working with the HRSA Office of Planning, Analysis and Evaluation to make Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and client data publicly available for use

- Conducting data cleaning activities that document the clients served and services funded by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.

PROGRAM ANALYSIS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH

The Program Analysis and Technical Assistance Branch plans, coordinates and administers the Bureau's annual program evaluation strategy, and provides national coordination, guidance, and expertise on technical assistance and training. Its work includes the following activities:

- Designing, conducting, and administering health services research to evaluate grantee delivery of services to clients
- Implementing studies and analyzing trends in health care to determine if the Bureau's activities address HIV/AIDS issues in an effective, efficient manner
- Coordinating, designing, and administering HIV/AIDS-related training and technical assistance activities to support the work of program constituents
- Developing and disseminating technical assistance tools and documents
- Facilitating expert meetings/consultations and both onsite and distance-based consultation and training activities
- Monitoring and reporting on grantee activities related to the Department's Minority AIDS Initiative.